

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Insert the following statement as a ~~separate~~ paragraph between the Title and the Background of the Invention:

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--This is a Continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/833,842 filed April 10, 1997 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,968,983 on October 19, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

2 Please amend claim 1 as follows:

In claim 1, line 2, please delete "selecting a subject; and "

In claim 1, line 4, please insert --to said subject-- after "reductase".

REMARKS

Applicant's attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given this case. The Examiner's attention is directed to the new correspondence address provided herewith and the Revocation of Previous Powers and the grant of a new Power of Attorney to the undersigned.

Applicant's amendment to the specification presented above is to clarify that this application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/833,842 filed April 10, 1997 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,968,983 on October 19, 1999. The above-identified application is properly identified as a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1) and entitled to the priority date of the parent application.

Claims 1-6, 12-13, and 16-26 are pending in this application. Clarification of the status of this case renders the rejections over U.S. Patent No. 6,147,109 to *Liao et al.* moot. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Applicant's attorney brings to the attention of the Examiner the existence of Applicant's pending applications which broadly describe and claim subject matter related to this case. They are U.S. Ser. No. 09/226,580 filed January 7, 1999; U.S. Ser. No. 09/293,392 filed April 16,